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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 65857-0117

First Inventor William T. Flynn

Title VALVE ASSEMBLY AND METHOD

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
*(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)*
2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
 See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification [Total Pages 10]  
*(preferred arrangement set forth below)*  
 - Descriptive title of the invention  
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications  
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
 or a computer program listing appendix  
 - Background of the Invention  
 - Brief Summary of the Invention  
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)  
 - Detailed Description  
 - Claim(s)  
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 4]
- a.  Newly executed (original or copy)  
 b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
*(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)*  
 i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
 named in the prior application,  
 see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
 Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
*(if applicable, all necessary)*
- a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  
 i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii.  Paper
- c.  Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of  
*(when there is an assignee)* Attorney
11.  English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS  
 Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13.  Preliminary Amendment
14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
*(Should be specifically itemized)*
15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
*(if foreign priority is claimed)*
16.  Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i).  
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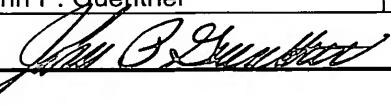
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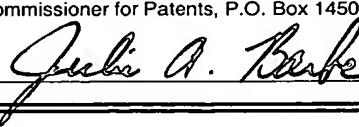
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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	770.00		
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee			
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee			
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee			
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee			
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### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	42	-20** =	22	x	18.00	=	396.00	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	3	-3** =		x		=	0.00	
Multiple Dependent								

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification			
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination			
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month			
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month			
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month			
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month			
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month			
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal			
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing			
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable			
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional			
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee			
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee			
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)			
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt			
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)			
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))			
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))			
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			
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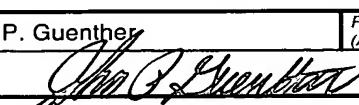
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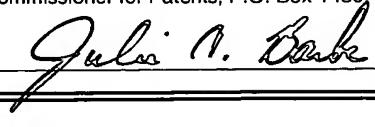
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Application Data Sheet